(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Rehabilitation of child labour employed in fire works

200. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of overwhelmingly large number of bonded children below 14 years of age employed in fire works and match factories in different South Indian States, including Sivakasi fire work factories from twelve to fourteen hours a day in dark and dingy conditions; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government during the past three years to liberate such bonded child labour and how many of them have been emancipated from such bondage and rehabilitated during the period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) The Government is aware of the fact that children below the age of 14 are working as Child Labour in the fire works and match factories in South India.

(b) The Government are implementing the National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in the area for some years now. The number of children working in the above named industry has been declining consistently in the last few years.

Nation-wide coverage drive for uncovered establishments

201. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a nation-wide coverage drive for uncovered establishments/factories, including *beedi*-workers during January-February, 2005;

(b) if so, the details of the Nation-wide coverage drive;

(c) the details of the number of establishments/factories and *beedi* workers establishments detected, State-wise, during this Nation-wide Drive